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"papers" pretend that they do not understand it, they only reveal the insincerity of their statements about their desire to improve relations between the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A.

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Recently The Washington Post and some other American newspapers have started publishing the so-called "Penkovskiy papers." The authorship of these "papers" is attributed to the person of Penkovskiy—the man who in May of 1963 was convicted in the U.S.S.R. of treason and espionage on behalf of the U.S. and British intelligence services.

In fact, the so-called "Penkovskiy papers" is nothing but a crude forgery cooked up two years after Penkovskiy's conviction by those whom the exposed spy served.

The authors of the "papers" stuffed them with stereotyped anti-Soviet insinuations. Using Penkovskiy's name, they ascribe to the Soviet Union such concepts as, for instance, the concept of preventive war, which in reality is hatched by certain quarters in the West. The authors of the "papers" apparently assume that any sort of slander might be put into the traitor's mouth and that they could easily get away with that.

The provocative cooking entitled "The Penkovskiy papers" no doubt deserves serious analysis. This is not the first case of publishing slanderous stuff about the U.S.S.R. and it has the only purpose—to smear the Soviet Union, to poison international atmosphere, to hinder the search for ways of improving relations between nations.

The publication of the "Penkovskiy papers" is to be regarded as nothing but a premeditated act in the worst traditions of the "cold war." Such actions cannot but damage the interests of the development of friendly relations between the Amer-

ican and the Soviet peoples. And if those who are directly or indirectly associated with the publication of the

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